

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A signal receiving apparatus comprising:
a selection circuit for selecting a reception subject;
a recording device for recording a received signal of the reception subject; and
a control unit for controlling start of recording a signal on the recording device, wherein
the control unit starts recording of the signal on the recording device on condition that a selected time over which the reception subject has been selected exceeds a predetermined time.

2. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined time can be set by the user.

3. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the reception subject is a broadcasting station,
and

the selected time is time over which a broadcast signal broadcasted by the broadcasting station is selected and received.

4. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the reception subject is a broadcasted program,
and

the selected time is time over which a broadcast signal of the program is received.

5. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the reception subject is a broadcasted program,
and

the control unit conducts control to terminate the recording when a program started in recording has finished.

6. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the control unit starts recording further on condition that at least one of reception subject information, reception date, reception day of the week and reception time satisfies a predetermined requirement.

7. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the control unit starts recording on condition that a requirement set by the user besides the selected time is satisfied.

8. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a perception generating device for generating perception of the received signal,

wherein operation of the perception generating device can be stopped separately from operation of the recording device.

9. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a circuit for generating perception of the start of the recording, or advance notice concerning the start of the recording.

10. A signal recording method comprising:
a process for selecting a reception subject; and
a process for recording a received signal of the reception subject, wherein

recording of the signal is started on condition that a selected time over which the reception subject has been selected exceeds a predetermined time.